



# Call for Applicants

## City of Ferris

### Boards, Commissions, and Committees

#### What do Boards Do?

Examples of recent Board activities:

- Main Street promotes historic downtown. They designed the city's way-finding signs and downtown welcome banners.
- The 4A EDC works to nurture a healthy environment for industrial business, which will create good paying jobs opportunities for residents.
- The Park Board organizes Ferris Earth Day and advocates for park improvements.
- The 4B EDC funds projects based on its three priorities: Historic Downtown, Parks, and Promotion.

#### Who Volunteers for a Board?

Board, commission, and committee members are made up of residents of all ages and backgrounds. It is a great way to meet others and to enjoy the satisfaction of helping to build your community.



#### Message from our Mayor

I am proud of the progress made by our citizen boards over the past year.

The 2015 Ferris Earth Day was the best yet, in terms of sheer volunteers. About 200 worked at the annual creek clean up and another 500 came to the events. Ferris Earth Day, organized by the Park Board, is now the largest volunteer event of the year in Ferris.

The 4B EDC funded several projects in 2015 including the four new soccer fields on Ferris Road.

The 4A EDC funded the City's first strategic plan.

Main Street choose the new banner designs for the historic light posts downtown.

On the following page you will find the Summary of Responsibilities for each board. If one or more spark your interest, indicate them on the attached application.

Board appointments are for one or two years. Board members must attend 75% of all regularly scheduled meetings to maintain their position on the board. High School age students serve one year terms.

Serving Ferris with Pride,  
Mayor Micheal Driggars



#### How to Apply

- Fill out the attached application.
- Use only black ink. Please print legibly.
- Return your completed application either in person or via mail:

City of Ferris  
Attn: City Secretary  
100 Town Plaza  
Ferris, TX 75125

- **Applications are due to the City Secretary by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2015.**

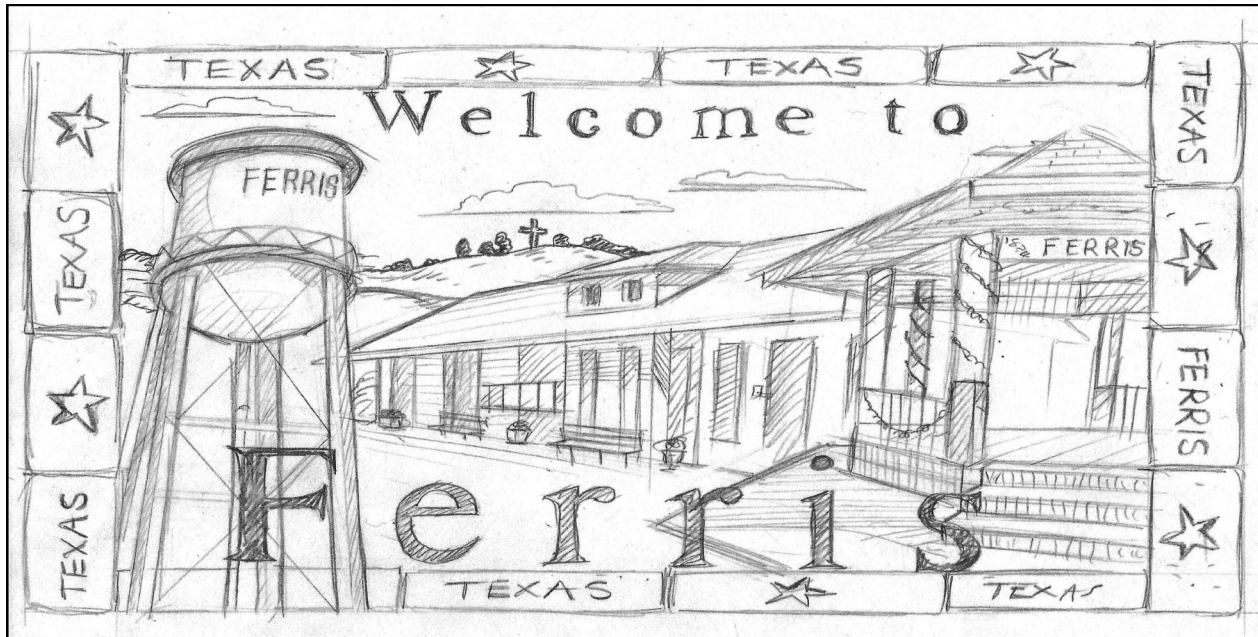
#### Interview Schedule

Applicants will be contacted by email or phone to arrange for an interview with City staff.

For more info, call 972-544-2110.

#### 9th -12th grader?

Students interesting in becoming a Youth Advisors are interviewed at Ferris High School in April of each year in April.



### Library Board

The Library Board is primarily responsible for making informed recommendations regarding library services and programs.

\* Five members and two non-voting youth advisors. Eligible youth advisors are in the ninth through twelfth grades.

\* Meets quarterly Monday 7 pm.

\* Kathy Harrington (972) 544-3696.

### Board of Adjustment

This board interprets and modifies zoning regulations in specific cases as circumstances require. It also acts as the Buildings and Standards committee.

\* Five members, two alternates.

\* Meet second Tuesday at 7 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

\* Bill Jordan (972) 544-2110.

### Housing Authority

The Housing Authority oversees the operations and maintenance requirements of the City owned low income housing units.

\* Five members

\* Meets third Monday at 7 p.m.

\* Destiny Wright (972) 544-2110.

## Summary of Responsibilities

### Main Street Board

As one of only 85 Main Street cities in Texas, the City of Ferris appoints a board dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the downtown district.

\* Nine members, two youth advisors  
Eligible youth advisors are in the ninth through twelfth grades.

\* Meets second Monday at 7 p.m.

\* Chuck Dart at (972) 842-2923.

### Park Board

The Park Board is an advisory to the city council regarding the development of city parks, regulations of use, and periodic updating of the Parks Master Plan.

\* Five members, two youth advisors.  
Eligible youth advisors are in the ninth through twelfth grades.

\* Meets fourth Monday at 7 p.m.

\* Chuck Dart at (972) 842-2923.

### Planning & Zoning

The P & Z Commission's primary responsibility is to make recommendations to Council regarding land use issues, such as zoning and subdivision plat requests.

\* Seven members

\* Meets the fourth Thursday 7 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

\* Bill Jordan at (972) 544-2110.

### 4A Economic

#### Development Commission

The 4A E.D.C. is charged with promoting economic development and advising the City Council in regard to incentives for the development of industrial and commercial districts.

\* Five members commission

\* Meets the second Thursday 1 p.m.

\* Chuck Dart at (972) 842-2923.

### 4B Economic

#### Development Commission

In addition to promoting economic development, 4B E.D.C. strives to improve the quality of life in Ferris by assisting and funding a variety of projects.

\* Seven members

\* Meets fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

\* Chuck Dart at (972) 842-2923.

- Some boards permit non-city residents (must be Ellis County resident).
- Candidates can not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor crime of moral turpitude for which he/she has not been pardoned within the last ten (10) years.
- Candidates can not have been removed from a board or commission because of failure to attend meetings within the last three (3) years.

This information is public record.  
*Public Service Opportunities are offered by the City of Ferris without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability.*

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Date Received

## City of Ferris Application for Boards, Commissions, and Committees

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If applying for more than one position (maximum three), please indicate the order of your preference by placing a number in the space to the left of the board/commission/committee for which you are applying (#1 your 1st choice, #3 your last choice). If a board has more than 5 applicants per opening, interviews will only be granted to those who have chosen that board as their first choice. Please note that choosing more than one board increases the chances of being appointed.

			Library Board		Planning & Zoning Commission
	Board of Adjustment		Main Street Board		Type A Economic Development Commission
	Housing Authority		Parks Board		Type B Economic Development Commission

If asked to serve on a different board than you indicated, would you be interested? (circle one) YES NO  
Would you be interested in serving on any Ad Hoc Committee or Citizens Summit that may arise during the year? YES NO

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLEARLY IN BLACK INK ONLY**

☐ Ms.

☐ Mrs.

☐ Mr.

Last Name

First Name

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Home Address

Zip Code

Home or Mobile Phone

Business Address

City

Zip Code

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Email Address

Business Phone

Resident of City for \_\_\_\_\_ years. Registered to vote in city of Ferris? YES NO

Resident of Ellis County? YES NO

Have you ever served as a member of any Ferris boards/commissions/committees? YES NO

If YES, specify which one (s) and approximate dates of service:

List any civic or community activities in which you have been involved.

List any experience that qualifies you to serve in the position (s) sought.

Do you have any business or personal relationship with the City of Ferris that would affect your ability to have impartial judgment in City matters?

YES

NO

If YES, explain:

List your educational background.

What is your current place of employment or business affiliation? (Please indicate if you are self-employed, a homemaker, or not employed)

What is your occupational experience?

IF CHOSEN, WILL YOU COMMIT TO ATTENDING 75% OR MORE OF YOUR BOARD'S MEETINGS?

YES

NO

**This application is the only information considered for appointments by the City Council.  
Please do not send resumes, business cards, photographs, or letters of recommendation.**

Please call (972) 544-2110 for more information about the city's boards, commissions, and committees.

**NOTE: APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BELOW BY THE APPLICANT**

Statement of Intent: "If appointed, I agree to serve on the board/commission/committee for which I have applied. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, so help me God."

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return in person or by mail to: City of Ferris, Attn: City Secretary, 100 Town Plaza, Ferris TX 75125

**Deadline for returning applications is JULY 10, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

Applicants will be contacted by mail or phone to arrange for an interview with city staff.